

GRAND VILLAGE OF THE NATCHEZ INDIANS, NATCHEZ

Volunteer Demonstrator

Purpose:

To conduct on-site demonstrations consistent with the interpretation of the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians (GV)

Responsibilities:

Demonstrate crafts and activities relevant to GV time period (*e.g.* basket making, cooking, dancing, and musical demonstrations)

Provide instruction and information to the public

May be asked to wear period dress

Assist with production of educational materials related to demonstration

Qualifications:

Proficiency, skill, and knowledge of the craft or activity being demonstrated

Flexibility regarding presentations, situations, and surroundings

Ability to relate well to all ages, backgrounds, and educational levels

Good disposition and enjoys working with the public

Requirements:

Successfully complete training

Dependability

Time Commitment:

Twelve (12) hours of volunteer service per year at GV are required to remain on the active volunteer list

Benefits:

The satisfaction of volunteering for the second-oldest state archives and history department in the United States

Continuing education

Documented volunteer service for work or school credit

A 15% discount at Grand Village and Historic Jefferson College gift shops

All training and training-related materials provided by GV

Volunteer appreciation activities provided by the GV and MDAH

Reports to:

Grand Village Historian

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Volunteer Docent

Purpose:

To conduct on-site and outreach (schools, clubs, special events) programs geared for targeted groups in order to further the mission of the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians (GV)

Responsibilities:

Assist the GV staff with preparing and conducting outreach programs

Present the desired program at assigned lecture site, school, club, or event

Return to the GV office in a timely manner props or materials used in the presentation

Qualifications:

Knowledge of the subject being presented

Flexibility regarding presentations, situations, and surroundings

Ability to relate well to all ages, backgrounds, and educational levels

Requirements:

Able to successfully complete training and continuing education sessions provided by staff

Able to work well GV staff to attain working knowledge of assigned program

Provide proof of valid driver's license for off-site events

Provide proof of current personal automobile liability insurance coverage for off-site events

Time Commitment:

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Volunteer Period Dress Interpreter

Purpose:

To provide visitors with information that will enrich their visit to the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians by restaging a historical event or portraying a person or a prototypical event/person. These interpretations shall educate the public about the history, people, culture of the Natchez

Responsibilities:

Research and conduct living history interpretation in period dress
Employ storytelling, demonstration techniques, and discussion
Encourage interaction with audience

Qualifications:

Knowledge of subject matter and experience with living history
Ability to convey knowledge in an interesting manner
Agreeable personality
Ability to relate well to people of all ages, backgrounds, and educational levels

Requirements:

Successfully complete training
Dependability

Time Commitment:

Twelve (12) hours of volunteer service per year at GV are required to remain on the active volunteer list

Benefits:

The satisfaction of volunteering for the second-oldest state archives and history department in the United States
Continuing education
Documented volunteer service for work or school credit
A 15% discount at Grand Village and Historic Jefferson College gift shops
All training and training-related materials provided by GV
Volunteer appreciation activities provided by GV and MDAH

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Special Events Volunteer

Purpose:

Assist the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians (GV) staff with events such as *Student Days*, dedications, announcements, ceremonies, workshops, lectures, seminars, celebrations, festivals, and any other programs sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Responsibilities:

Assist GV staff to prepare for an event by decorating, setting up chairs, and various other tasks
Assist with crowd control, greeting, handing out materials, answering questions, serving refreshments, receptions, staffing booths at events

Qualifications:

Ability to work well with large groups of people of all ages
Pleasant disposition
Good judgment when working with visitors
Ability to perform well under time constraints and physical demands
Ability to lift objects weighing up to 25 lbs.

Requirements:

Successfully complete training
Knowledge of GV policies and procedures
Dependability

Time Commitment:

Twelve (12) hours of volunteer service per year at GV are required to remain on the active volunteer list
Opportunities for participation in evening and weekend programs

Benefits:

The satisfaction of volunteering for the second-oldest state archives and history department in the United States
Continuing education
Documented volunteer service for work or school credit
A 15% discount at Grand Village and Historic Jefferson College gift shops
All training and training-related materials provided by GV
Volunteer appreciation activities provided by GV and MDAH

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Volunteer Interpreter

Purpose:

To provide visitors from other cultures with information that will enrich their visit to Grand Village of the Natchez Indians. This information shall educate the public about the history, people, and culture of the Natchez

Responsibilities:

Assist the Guide or Host/Hostess by serving as an interpreter

Assist the Guide or Host/Hostess by:

- greeting and signing in the group
- escorting the group to the area where the tour will begin
- conducting a very brief overview of the site
- explaining the GV guidelines to the group
- being available for questions until visitors leave

Qualifications:

Ability to interpret from English into foreign language requested

Ability to convey information in an interesting manner

Agreeable personality

Ability to relate well to people of all ages, backgrounds, and educational levels

Requirements:

Successfully complete training

Dependability

Time Commitment:

Twelve (12) hours of volunteer service per year at GV are required to remain on the active volunteer list

Benefits:

The satisfaction of volunteering for the second-oldest state archives and history department in the United States

Continuing education

Documented volunteer service for work or school credit

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